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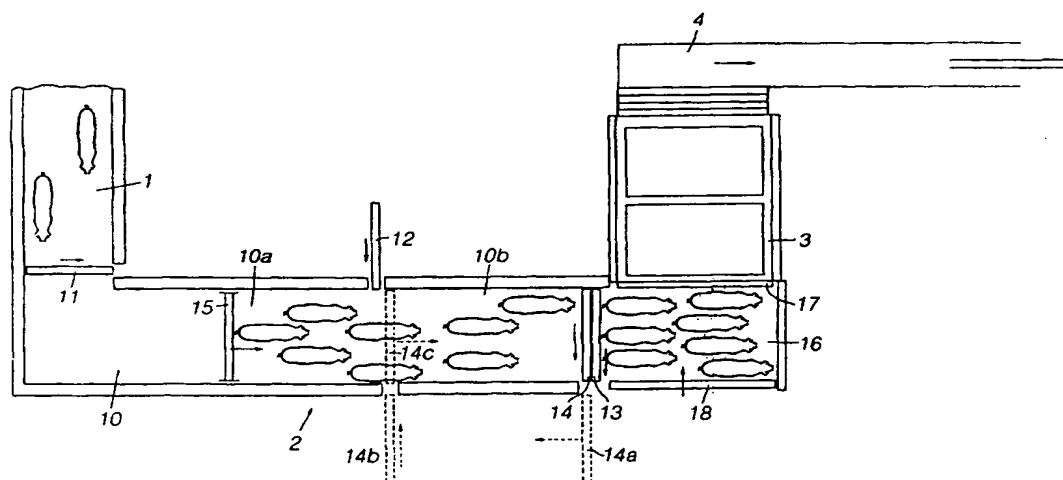
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(57) Abstract: An arrangement for division of animals into groups and transfer of groups of animals to a stunning apparatus (3) comprises an oblong corridor section (10) in which animals can be driven from an entrance end to an exit end. It has a division gate (12) in the corridor section between the entrance end and the exit end, which gate is placed in such a way that the corridor area (10b) between the division gate and the exit end has room for a number of animals corresponding to the group size. In continuation of the corridor section (10) a transfer section (16) is placed at the exit end of the section, which transfer section has room for a number of animals corresponding to the group size and has a connection with the entrance to the stunning apparatus. The transfer section between the corridor section and the stunning apparatus provides the advantage that the division process becomes less dependent on the subsequent process where a group of animals are driven into the stunning apparatus and stunned, which increases the capacity of the system.

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